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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)
ATTENTION: Special Support Assistant, DD/S ✓
SUBJECT : H.R. 4941 - Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955

1. Attached is a copy of subject Bill which was signed into law by the President on 6 April 1955. Of particular concern are certain sections of the Bill which are discussed briefly below:

a. Section 10(a) is related to transfer allowances, and the amendment permits transfer allowances to be paid upon transfer to the United States. Previously such allowances could only be paid abroad.

b. Section 10(b) authorizes an allowance for educational costs for dependents of employees. The language in this section is somewhat broader than the similar provision in H.R. 3819, which is the Corbett "Overseas Allowance Act of 1955."

c. Section 11 authorizes travel expenses of dependents to and from the United States to obtain secondary or college education. There is a similar provision in the Corbett Bill, but again, the Foreign Service provision is somewhat broader.

d. Section 12 specifically authorizes physical examinations and inoculations for dependents. Section 943 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by this section. That section of the Foreign Service Act is substantially similar to Section 5(a)(5)(D) of P.L. 110. Although such services have been made available to dependents, there is still some uncertainty as to the technical correctness. Therefore, this section would clarify the matter.

2. As noted, H.R. 4941 has become law. It is possible that the

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other cover arrangements will not be receiving. This situation existed prior to the passage of P.L. 110 in 1949. The discrepancies between benefits caused substantial difficulties in administration and in assign-

3. In view of the above, it is suggested that consideration be given to the Agency's adopting the policy of applying the provisions of the Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955 to all persons assigned abroad who are compensated from unvouchered funds or from Confidential Funds. In our opinion, authority resides in the DCI to approve such a policy.

4. In the meantime, it is believed that the Agency should consider the advisability of seeking legislation similar to H. R. 4941 and not rely on H. R. 3819. One of the strong recommendations in favor of such action is the fact that many of the travel and allowance provisions of P.L. 110 are substantially verbatim extracts from the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended. If the Congress and the administration will approve the Foreign Service Act, seeking somewhat different benefits, despite the concept of the Overseas Allowances Act of 1955, there is some justification for CIA to seek legislation similar to foreign service. This office is presently drafting legislation which will be submitted for coordination and comments of Agency components concerned.

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